



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Tuesday - February 12, 2002**

- ***In the West***, conditions range from warm and dry across ***Arizona and California***, where local Santa Ana breezes linger, to very cold in some ***interior Western valleys***.
- ***On the Plains***, mild, dry weather favors dormant or semi-dormant winter grains across the ***southern half of the region***, following late January and early February precipitation events. Meanwhile from ***western Nebraska northward through Montana***, a minimal snow cover and mild, dry, breezy conditions are adversely affecting drought-stressed winter wheat.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, the return of cool, breezy weather is starting to re-freeze fields and feedlots.
- ***In the South***, mild, dry weather favors the gradual development of pastures and winter grains. Despite recent rainfall in the ***Atlantic Coast region***, sub-soil moisture remains limited and water-supply concerns persist.

**Outlook:** Little precipitation is expected across the U.S. for the remainder of the week, with light amounts confined to the ***Gulf Coast region***, the ***West***, and areas from the ***Great Lakes States into the Northeast***. Warmer-than-normal weather will prevail across the ***northern Plains and upper Midwest***, but near- to below-normal temperatures are forecast across the remainder of the country. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for February 17-21 calls for a more active weather pattern to develop, with near- to above-normal precipitation nationwide. The wettest conditions are expected across the ***eastern half of the U.S.***, where most locations will also experience above-normal temperatures. In contrast, cool weather will accompany significant high-elevation snowfall in the ***West***.

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